

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below our name.

We believe that we are the original, first inventors of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### **LEAN REFLUX-HIGH HYDROCARBON RECOVERY PROCESS**

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, ' 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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December 19, 2002

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in Sec. 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

### **PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED
_____	_____	_____	___YES ___NO

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, ' 120 of any United States application(s), or ' 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, ' 112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, ' 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Parent Application No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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We hereby appoint the attorney(s) and/or agents associated with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer No. 35979, jointly and severally, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, including but not limited to the following: James E. Bradley, Reg. No. 27,536; Albert B. Kimball, Jr., Reg. No. 25,689; Ben Tobor, Reg. No. 27,760; Kent A. Rowald, Reg. No. 34,005; J. Wendy Davis, Reg. No. 46,393; Constance G. Rhebergen, Reg. No. 41,267; and Kimberly L. Brown, Reg. No. 48,698 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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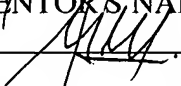
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